

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-6, and 15-17 are rejected. Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 11, 15, 16, and 18 are objected to. Claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 15, 16, and 18 are amended herein. Claims 3 and 4 are canceled. The Specification is objected to. No new subject matter is added. All rejections and objections are respectfully traversed.

SPECIFICATION

In paragraph 2.1, the Examiner objects to the Specification. The Specification is amended herein to overcome the Examiner's objections.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

In paragraphs 3.1 – 3.12, the Examiner objects to claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 11, 15, 16, and 18. Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 11, 15, 16, and 18 are amended to overcome the Examiner's objections.

Claim Rejections

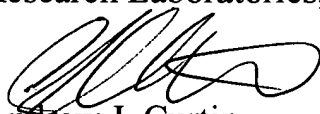
Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 5 and 6 are amended herein to overcome the rejection according to the Examiner's suggestion.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claim 3 and allowable claim 4.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any remaining issues and further to expedite passage of the application to issue, if any further comments, questions or suggestions arise in connection with the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-0749 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,
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